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GIVE THE GIFT OF PEACE OF MIND...DRIVE SAFELY OVER THE HOLIDAYS

~ Santa's sleigh isn't the only vehicle traveling this season~

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. –The holidays are a great time for creating memories when visiting with family and friends. Unfortunately, this time of year also brings increased risk of crashes on our highways as more people travel to visit loved ones. To help ensure you and your family have a safe holiday season, the Florida Highway Patrol will be working across Florida to provide assistance to motorists and aggressively working to remove impaired drivers from the roads. Stay safe during your travels by following this advice from FHP:

- Celebrate the holidays but be responsible. Designate a sober driver to get everyone home safely.
- Buckle up! A seatbelt is your vehicle's most important safety feature.
- If you need help during your travels or see a hazardous driver, dial *FHP (*347) on your cell phone.
- Don't drive distracted: Anything that takes your full attention off of the road, even for a second, could be deadly.
- For real-time traffic and road condition reports, as well as maps and additional safety tips, visit www.flhsmv.gov/fhp/.
- Avoid fatigued or drowsy driving by getting plenty of rest before your trip (or have an alternate driver).
- Obey the speed limit and keep in mind that traffic congestion or road construction may require lowering your speed.



The Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles provides highway safety and security through excellence in service, education and enforcement. The Department is leading the way to a safer Florida through the efficient and professional execution of its core mission: the issuance of driver licenses, vehicle tags and titles and operation of the Florida Highway Patrol. To learn more about DHSMV and the services offered, visit www.flhsmv.gov, follow us on Instagram at FLHSMV, Twitter @FLHSMV or find us on Facebook.

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